

Wednesday, March 6, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1537–S1610

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1591–1595, and S. Con. Res. 43. **Page S1598**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1594, making omnibus consolidated rescissions and appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. (S. Rept. No. 104–236)

S. 942, to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Special report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1996”. (S. Rept. No. 104–237) **Page S1597**

Measures Passed:

Armed Forces Benefits: Senate passed H.R. 2778, to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services for the peacekeeping effort in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be entitled to certain tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S1608–09**

Greek Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 219, designating March 25, 1996 as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”. **Page S1609**

Whitewater Investigation: Senate began consideration of a motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters. **Pages S1552–95**

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed on Thursday, March 7, 1996.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Eric L. Clay, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Joseph F. Bataillon, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

Harold Walter Geisel, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal and Islamic Republic of The Comoros.

Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Robert Krueger, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S1610**

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 7, 1996. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1610.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 1594) making omnibus consolidated rescissions and appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from John J. Hamre, Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 20.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to review the current status of the ballistic missile defense program, after receiving testimony from Paul G. Kaminski, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

DOE DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded hearings to examine the status of the Department of Energy Environmental Management Program and the activities of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. Grumbly, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management; John T. Conway, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; Ambrose L. Schwallie, Westinghouse/Savannah River Co., Aiken, South Carolina; Lincoln E. Hall, Lockheed Martin Energy Systems, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; W. John Denson, Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies, Idaho Falls; William C. Moffitt, Westinghouse/Hanford Co., Hanford, Washington; Robert G. Card, Kaiser Hill Co., Golden, Colorado; and Donald Ofte, Fernald Environmental Restoration Management Corp., Fernald, Ohio.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the state of the United States economy, economic impact of deficit reduction, and the role of fiscal policy in enhancing long-term prospects, after receiving testimony from Martin N. Baily, Member, Council of Economic Advisors; James R. Capra, Capra Asset Management, Inc., Rye, New York; and Mickey D. Levy, NationsBanc Capital Markets, Inc., New York, New York.

ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held oversight hearings on issues relating to competitive change in the electric power industry, and on S. 1526, to provide for retail competition among electric energy suppliers, and to provide for recovery of stranded costs attributable to an open access electricity market, receiving testimony from Charles B. Curtis, Deputy Secretary, and Elizabeth A. Moler, Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, both of the Department of Energy; Cheryl L. Parrino,

Wisconsin Public Service Commission, Madison, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Daniel W. Fessler, California Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco; Lisa Crutchfield, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Harrisburg; Richard H. Cowart, Vermont Public Service Board, Montpelier; and Robert W. Gee, Texas Public Utility Commission, Austin.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Rita Derrick Hayes, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Chief Textile Negotiator, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Thurmond and Hollings, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

MINORITIES IN SOUTH ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East and South Asia concluded hearings to examine the treatment of minorities in South Asia, after receiving testimony from Robin Raphel, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia; David Forte, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio; Anne Buwalda, The Jubilee Campaign, Vienna, Virginia; Patricia Gossman, Human Rights Watch Asia, Washington, D.C.; and Kristen Obadal, Obadal & McLeod, Alexandria, Virginia.

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF HUMAN PATHOGENS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the interstate transportation of human pathogens, after receiving testimony from Representatives Markey and Joseph Kennedy; Mark M. Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; James M. Hughes, Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; David N. Sundwall, American Clinical Laboratory Association, Washington, D.C.; Kenneth I. Berns, Cornell University Medical College, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Society of Microbiology; and L. Barth Reller, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Type Culture Collection.

NIH

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held oversight hearings on activities of the National Institutes of Health, receiving testimony from Harold E. Varmus, Director, Francis S. Collins, Director, National Center for Human Genome Research, Richard D. Klausner, Director, National Cancer Institute,

Kenneth Olden, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Zach W. Hall, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Carl Kupfer, Director, National Eye Institute, and Alan I. Leshner, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Small Business: Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, S. 942, to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, and to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities.

U.S. INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded hearings on the future of United States intelligence,

after receiving testimony from former Senator Rudman and former Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, both on behalf of the Commission on the Roles and Capabilities of the United States Intelligence Community; former Senator Baker; Richard N. Haass, Director, National Security Programs and Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations; and Richard K. Betts, Columbia University, New York, New York.

TELEMARKETING FRAUD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the scope and trends of telemarketing fraud operations that target the elderly, after receiving testimony from Kathryn E. Landreth, United States Attorney, District of Nevada, and Charles L. Owens, Section Chief, Financial Crimes Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Jodie Bernstein, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Agnes Johnson, Biddeford, Maine, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons; John F. Barker, National Fraud Information Center, and Peder Anderson, both of Washington, D.C.; Edward B. Gould, Jr., Las Vegas, Nevada; and Mary Ann Downs, Raleigh, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3020–3039; 1 private bill, H.R. 3040; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 373 were introduced. **Pages H1774–75**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 369, to provide to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight special authorities to obtain testimony for purposes of investigation and study of the White House Travel Office matter (H. Rept. 104–472);

H. Res. 371, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3021, to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States (H. Rept. 104–473); and

H. Res. 372, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget (H. Rept. 104–474).

Pages H1749, H1773–74

Journal: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 346 yeas to 65 nays, with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 45, the

House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 5. **Pages H1723–24**

Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 336 yeas to 86 nays, Roll No. 47, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 927, to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba. **Pages H1736–49**

H. Res. 370, the rule which waived all points of order against consideration of the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 347 yeas to 67 nays, Roll No. 46. **Pages H1724–36**

Recess: House recessed at 6:46 p.m. and reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1719.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1776.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today